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Q. Insofar as the war in Vietnam is concerned, is it not a fact that Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara has been consistently wrong? — L.L., Washington, D.C.

A. He has been periodically wrong in his assessments of the war in Vietnam, the U.S. role in that war, and in his short-term predictions of the outcome. In May, 1963, he said: "The corner has been definitely turned toward victory." In October, 1963, he said: "The major part of the U.S. military task can be completed by the end of 1965." In February, 1964, he said: "The U.S. hopes to withdraw most of its troops from South Vietnam before the end of 1965."